

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fifteenth Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Fifteenth Middlesex Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admission**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (729) of these admissions reside in the Fifteenth Middlesex Representative District. 2% (15) of admissions from the Fourteenth Middlesex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY2002, admissions to substance abuse treatment service from the Fifteenth Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 73% were male and 27% were female.
- 63% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 91% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 4% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 66% were never married, 11% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 16% had less than high school education, 52% completed high school, and 32% had more than high school education.
- 33% were employed.
- 10% were homeless.
- 30% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fifteenth Middlesex Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	50%	37%	5%	2%	1%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b>							
<b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>Fifteenth Middlesex Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	665	565	210	199	124	189	129
<b>FY '96</b>	702	599	226	211	106	195	143
<b>FY '97</b>	792	632	229	176	119	234	173
<b>FY '98</b>	778	609	231	197	105	255	181
<b>FY '99</b>	864	647	237	222	113	347	301
<b>FY '00</b>	857	668	248	198	93	311	244
<b>FY '01</b>	709	515	192	174	55	267	206
<b>FY '02</b>	729	514	179	155	69	294	226